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STATE DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES AND MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL TEAM UP FOR “RESPONSIBLE FATHERHOOD” CAMPAIGN

California Major League Baseball Players to Serve as Fatherhood Role Models

SACRAMENTO — Players from all five of California’s Major League Baseball (MLB) teams will participate in the California Department of Child Support Services’ (DCSS) eighth annual “Major League Dads Responsible Fatherhood” campaign to encourage parents to take active roles in their children’s lives.

Curtis L. Child, director of DCSS, announced that the players participating in this year’s campaign are: Oakland Athletics pitcher Tim Hudson, Anaheim Angels right fielder Tim Salmon, Los Angeles Dodgers center fielder Dave Roberts, San Francisco Giants right fielder Jose Cruz, Jr., and former San Diego Padres pitcher Jesse Orosco, who was recently traded to the New York Yankees.

“These major league dads are accomplished athletes who also serve as positive role models for young fathers,” said Child. “We’re excited to have their involvement and their teams’ commitment to help us increase public awareness about the importance of dads being involved in the lives of their children.”

Specially designed “Responsible Fatherhood” trading cards and posters featuring the players will be distributed to fans during home baseball games in July and August. Each player will also be honored with a commemorative plaque recognizing their commitment to their families.

For more information about California’s Child Support Services Program or the “Responsible Fatherhood” campaign, log on to the DCSS Web site at <http://www.childsup.ca.gov/>.

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